On a request from the State Government, it ha$_3$ teen decide^ that subject to availability of funda and the requisite clearances of the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance, the Department of Civil Aviation would undertake further, development of the aerodrome. Tlie estimates for the remaining earth work are under p-eparaiion.

Payment of DA instalments to the Central Government employee?

*32. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA;

Will the Minister of FINANCE -be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to the insiease in 'he price index, more instalments of DA have become cue for payment to the Central Government employees;

(b) if so, what is the number of DA instalments which have become due fo$_r$ payment to the Central Government employees as on the 30th June, 1984; and

(cl whether Government propose tc release all the DA instalments in view $_0t$ considerable increase in the prices of essential commodities; and if not, what are th$_e$ reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M KRISHNA):, (a) to (c) Consequent on average index crossing 528, 536, 544 and 552 points at the end of December, 1983, January, 1984, March, 1984 and May; 1984; four instalments of Dearness Allowance have become due for consideration with effect from. 1-1-1984, 1-2-1934, 1-4-1984 an<j 1-6-1984 respectively. .

Payment of each instalment of Deames$_s$ Allowanc$_e$ to Central Government employees and relief to pensioners costs the exchequer approximately Rs. 70 crores and Rs, 8 crore* per annum respectively. Therefore tlie question $_0$f payment of each instalment of Dearness Allowance bas t$_0$ be considered carefully with regard to their impact on the economic situation and ^{thc} budget. The ques->io» of sanction for payment of these instalments is receiving the attention of the Government.

Raids on Film actors' premises

*33. SHRI BHIM RAJ.

SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Income-tax authorities have recently raided the office and residential premises of film actors Feroze Khan and Rajesh Khanna;

(b) if so, what is ' the outcome 1 hereof in each esse; and

(c) what action Governmeat propose t$_0$ take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) to (c) Income Tax Department conducted searches at th$_e$ office and • residential premises of Shri Feroze Khan, Shri Rajesh Khatun and his relatives during the month of Juno 1984. The searches resultet in seziure of *prima facie* unaccounted assests of Rs. 15 lakhs from Shri Rajesh Khanna and hi$_s$ relatives. No valuables have been seized from Shri Feroze Khan. The documents seized in course of searches are that scrutiny for taking appropriate steps under various direct taxe$_s$ acts.

Free Trade zone at Falta, West Bengal

*34. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made regarding the scheme to build a Free Trade Zon$_e$ at Falta in West Bengal: and

(b) what are the salient features of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) The Export Processing Zone (EPZ) at Falta in West Bengal like similar othe$_r$ free trade zones, win be a multi-product export-oriented z°ne. Some oi the step$_3$ taken for the EP2I at Falta include:

(i) The Development Commissioner of the Zone hag been appointed whose office has started functioning at Calcutta.

(ii) The Falta EPZ Authority has been constituted under th$_e$ Chairmanship of the Minister of State for Commerce and the Falta EPZ Board headed by the Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.

(iii) Funds for initial developmental works have been made available.

(iv) Land for setting up the Zone has been made available by the Calcutta Port Trust Jind some portion of the land for the purpose to be acquired by the State Government has aho been procured.

(v) The Government of West Bengal ha$_a$ initiated action for the creation of infrastructural facilities outside the Zone, $_s$uch as approach roads, power and social infrastructure.

Resumption of flights between Belgaum and Bangalore

*35. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to resume Indian Airlines flights between Belgaum and Bangalore; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in thi$_s$ regard?

THE:MINISTER OF STATE EM THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) Not at present, Sir.

(b) Doe$_s$ not arise.

Smugglers detained under COFEPOSA

*36. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:

SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of smugglers detained under COFEPOSA as on the 1st July, 1984;

(b) what is tlie quantum and value of goods seized from them; and

(c) the manne$_r$ in which th$_e$ confiscated goods were disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB KUMAR MUKHERJEE): (a) The number of persons under actual detention under the COFEPOSA Act as on 1st July, 1984 was 438.

(b) The value of contraband goods seized throughout the country during the year 1984 (upto June) was Rs. 49.29 crores*. The statistics regarding the seizures made from the smugglers detained under COFEPOSA Act are not maintained- separately However, if the Hon'ble Members desire to have the information in respect of any particular detenus, the same will be collected and furnished.

(c) The mode of disposal of various categories of confiscated goods is annexed to the Statement.

*Figures are provisional.